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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
SHINSUKE KOBAYASHI, ET AL.)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/781,810)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: February 20, 2004)	
For: SHEET TRANSPORT APPARATUS)	March 15, 2004
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese reference is also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found at page 3 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		4-204980	07/27/1992	Japan			Abstract
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